

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Under “**Reference to Related Application**,” please delete that paragraph and insert the following paragraph.

This application is a continuation of Application No. 09/924,503 filed August 9, 2001, now U.S. Pat. No. 6,694,299, which claims benefit to Application No. 60/255,062, filed December 14, 2000.

Under “**Field of Invention**,” please amend as follows:

The present invention is directed towards a method of implementing auditing and certifying a Cardiac Emergency Readiness (“CER”) program that assists victims of sudden cardiac arrest, ~~the program comprises surveying a location to determine the need for Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs), assisting in purchasing and installing the AEDs, preparing an emergency response plan and providing support services, such as assisting in preparing a legal and public relations support plan.~~

Under **Summary of Invention**,” please amend as follows:

The invention is directed to a method ~~installing a turnkey cardiac emergency readiness program that allows lay personnel to aid victims of cardiac arrest and prevent serious injury or death. The program comprises assistance in every facet of implementing the program, including purchasing, placement, and training on the use of AEDs, helping to develop an emergency response plan designating the duties of on-site personnel, providing legal and public relations support related to the program, and an indemnification plan in case of a lawsuit. The program may also certify that the individual or organization has implemented the cardiac emergency program, informing the public that the site is prepared to handle a cardiac arrest emergency~~ for supporting the maintenance of a cardiac emergency readiness program of a facility including at least one deployed external defibrillator. The method comprises auditing the facility by surveying the facility to determine if the defibrillators are properly located and properly maintained and if the proper number of defibrillator trained and certified personnel are present at the facility. The audit is then

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reported to the facility so as to cause the appropriate changes to be made and the program and facility are then certified.